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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Pest House
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

N of Stillwater at
STREET & NUMBER
9033 Fairy Falls Road
CITY, TOWN
Stillwater *Mc.* VICINITY OF First
STATE Minnesota CODE 22 COUNTY Washington CODE 163

3 CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | PRESENT USE |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE | PUBLIC ACQUISITION | ACCESSIBLE | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: |

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Rex & Wendy Perry
STREET & NUMBER
9033 Fairy Falls Road
CITY, TOWN
Stillwater VICINITY OF STATE
Minnesota

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Washington County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER
14900 North 61st Street
CITY, TOWN
Stillwater STATE
Minnesota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
St. Croix National Scenic Riverway Survey of Historic Structures
DATE
June 1976 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS
Minnesota Historical Society/Bldg. 25 Fort Snelling
CITY, TOWN
St. Paul STATE
Minnesota

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR
 DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Pest House is located in what is now a residential neighborhood just north of the Stillwater city limits. It is a wood frame building, one storey in height with clapboard siding and a gable roof. The original Pest House, built in 1872, had a rectangular plan with three rooms. After it became a private residence, additions were made to the north end of the house so that it now has an L-shaped plan. An enclosed porch was also added to the east side of the house. The original portion of the house has a stone foundation. The additions have cement block as a foundation material. The north-south axis of the building is roofed in tin, and the east-west axis is shingled.

Not included in the nomination are a barn and shed located to the east of the house.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health Care |

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1872

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Pest House is significant as a community institution used in the late 19th and early 20th centuries to control the spread of communicable diseases.

In 1871 a Board of Health was appointed by the city council of Stillwater. Among its duties was the taking of necessary measures to prevent the introduction and spread of infectious or contagious diseases and to provide for and enforce the removal of persons afflicted with any contagious disease to such place as they may think necessary and to establish at public expense a pest house. Every such case was to be reported to the city council at the next regular meeting with a statement of expenses.

The city of Stillwater bought property for the Pest House in 1872 outside the city limits on a hill which was later to be called Pest House Hill. The Pest House was used mostly to control smallpox but was also used for epidemics of scarlet fever, typhoid, and diphtheria.

The Pest House was owned and maintained by the city until 1910. At this time contagious diseases were generally treated in the hospital. The Pest House was sold and subsequently used as a residence with additions being made to the original rectangular plan. At present it is a private residence, having been purchased by its owners in 1967.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Charter, School Laws and Ordinances of the City of Stillwater,
Stillwater, Minnesota: A.B. Easton, Stillwater Gazette, 1871.

Rooney, Edgar L. Looking Backward. Stillwater, Minnesota: The Croixside Press, 1970

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Stillwater Quad. 7.5

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

UTM NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

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|---|------|-------------|---------------|---|------|---------|----------|
| A | 1 5 | 5 1 5 3 3 0 | 4 9 9 1 6 3 0 | B | | | |
| | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING | | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING |
| C | | | | D | | | |
| | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING | | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

From a point 478½' E. and 178' N. of the SW corner of the SE¼ of the SE¼, Sec. 16, T30, R20, thence 200' N, thence 200' E, thence 200' S, thence 200' W to point of origin.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|-------|------|--------|------|
| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Peggy Lindoo

ORGANIZATION

Minnesota Historical Society

DATE

9/27/77

STREET & NUMBER

Bldg. 25 Fort Snelling

TELEPHONE

612/726-1171

CITY OR TOWN

St. Paul

STATE

Minnesota

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL x

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Russell W. Fridley

TITLE

Russell W. Fridley State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

3/6/80

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST: *Kristin O'Connell*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

6/17/80

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 6/10/80



Pest House *Washington Co.*
Stilwater, Minnesota

(Vicinity of)

Liza Nagle MAY 1 1979

Minnesota Historical Society

690 Cedar Street, St. Paul, MN

May 13, 1976

East (front) & South sides

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